

Pike Lake Chain Association, Inc.

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2026

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Call to Order & Opening: President Mike Ida called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed all Board Members and community members in attendance. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mike Ida. A quorum of Board Members was confirmed in accordance with Association bylaws. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded via the OWL system.

Board Members Present: Mike Ida, Lisa Brandt, Steve Ave'Lallement, Russ Schroeder, David Ebert, Jim Clemmons, Duane Baer, Jeff Witon, Mark Luoma, Mike Duhr Absent Board Members: Thor Gunderson, Everett Sammis Community Members Present: One Association member attended in person; no comments were made.

Secretary's Report: The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to Approve Minutes: 1st – Jim Clemmons 2nd – Jeff Witon Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Duane Baer presented the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report and Budget: 1st – Steve Ave'Lallement 2nd – Jim Clemmons Motion Approved

Duane reported that Laura Witon had looked over our books and suggested moving a portion of our funds into a CD. Duane recommended a 7-month short-term CD in the amount of \$15,000. Motion to Move Funds into a 7-Month CD: 1st – Mark Luoma 2nd – Dave Ebert Motion Approved

Committee Reports

Fisheries Update

Results from the panfish survey have been processed. Here is the response from Kendall: Unfortunately, there is no plan to have this information posted. This survey was intended to help us biologists get a feel for what the public would like to see on these specific waters now that the panfish study is ending. I can share results. Overall, our results showed that all waters would like to see the bare minimum of the 10 bag (any species). Some lakes went the step farther and would like more protection on black crappies, so a few waters prefer the 10 bag with only 5 crappies. With the added protection to crappie, it makes there more hoops to jump through. We are still working this out with our panfish team leads so we don't ultimately have the say as we must justify why we would like this option. Generally, the panfish team will require us to have age data to support the added protection. We are still working on exactly what is required. We just added this option in the survey to see what people would like as we can't put out a survey every time, we want public input. As for the results on the Pike Chain, we had 88 people respond from the link I sent out to the lake association. I am gauging this off-question number five from the link I sent you (On which of the following waters does your lake association focus its primary attention?) I am

not able to see the breakdown of the numbers from the lake association versus the randomized sample. So, results are combined. For the straight 10 bag (any species) 27 % voted for this versus 31% want the added protection to black crappies. Again, these were significantly higher than the votes for the other options. This is where my team will have a sit down and decide what we believe would be best suited for the chain. We also must consider if we can meet all the requirements from the panfish team to even have the extra protection on crappies. This is a work in progress, so I can't say for sure what will come of it. I just know we are taking these survey results into consideration when we make the final decision. I am not sure when that will be made as we still have some compiling to do.

Discussion points included: Thor requested clarification on the Board's stance and any potential "best practice" recommendations. Russ emphasized allowing professionals to handle fisheries management. Steve explained that bag limits are based on maintaining size structure, not total fish numbers.

Preliminary results indicated that a 10-fish bag limit has been beneficial for maintaining size structure. It was suggested that Kendall be invited to present survey results and provide education at the Annual Meeting.

Board Consensus: No formal recommendations will be made at this time. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Dave will contact Kendall to request attendance at the Annual Meeting. Electroshocking and walleye survey results are not yet available. Dave will share results with the Board when received.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Steve Ave'Lallement submitted a written report noting far fewer purple loosestrife plants this past year. The infestation has not spread significantly and remains manageable. Landowners will be reminded of appropriate control measures. Information was included in the newsletter.

Water Quality

No testing is conducted during the winter months due to ice conditions.

Newsletter / Public Relations

Derek reported that the newsletter is complete and will be mailed and emailed shortly.

Discussion was held regarding committee titles and newly added work areas. It was agreed to maintain existing committee titles and list new projects with designated project leads.

Electroshocking results will be posted on the Association website when available and reviewed at the Annual Meeting in June 2026.

Mission Statement Review

Mike reviewed and reminded the Board of the Association's mission and purpose.

Old Business

Walleyes for Tomorrow Update: Mike Duhr volunteered to serve as the Association liaison for Walleyes for Tomorrow and to report back to the Board. Mike spoke with Greg from Walleyes for Tomorrow, who expressed interest in presenting options and direction for possible collaboration. Board consensus was to invite Greg to attend an upcoming meeting.

Boat Landing ILID Camera Discussion

Mike led discussion regarding ILID camera systems as a preventive measure against Eurasian watermilfoil. Key points: Three boat landings would potentially be involved. Steve noted that audio reminders could be a positive educational tool. Duane expressed concern that only about 10% of Wisconsin lakes use this system and cautioned about community acceptance. David reported contacting another lake association with no complaints and mentioned a lower-cost option. David reached out to an ILID provider and received the following information: Cost: Unit with video: Quote will be sent separately. Basic unit (no video): Estimated at \$7,500. Warranty: 90 days after installation. Responsive and flexible support. Winter Use and Protection: System can be turned off and stored indoors; mast assembly fits in a garage for winter storage to prevent damage. Servicing: Remotely updated; only responsibility is seasonal removal and storage. Life Expectancy: 7 years for operating system and security updates. Recording: Standard unit does not use a multimedia card. A trailcam-style system with card is available for \$13,000. Connectivity: Uses 4G LTE for communication; solar powered. Power over Ethernet (PoE) is being explored. Placement: Determined with Lake Shield during site planning, typically near the decline at the ramp. Program Usage: Multiple nearby Lake Associations use I-LIDS; specific local sites to be provided. Some associations have multiple units depending on the number of landings (e.g., Taylor Lake on Waupaca Chain has two units).

Next Steps: Explore alternatives and invite a representative to present more detailed information at a future meeting.

Second Edition Pike Lake History Book

Mike Ida reported progress on the history book, including research on the Fire Department, the Pike Lake Association, and the logging dam restoration. Interviews are being conducted with local residents, and additional research is underway. Mike is still interested in finding people to do research for the book.

Welcome Wagon

Jeff Witon attempted a new resident visit but was unable to connect. He will continue outreach efforts.

New Business

2026 Proposed Budget: Duane Baer presented the proposed 2026 budget. Motion to Approve Proposed Budget: 1st – Steve Ave’Lallement 2nd – Jeff Witon Motion Approved.

The proposed budget will be presented to membership at the Annual Meeting for final approval.

Trail Signage Grant: David reported confusion regarding current trail signage (alphabetic vs. numeric). The U.S. Forest Service prefers numeric signage but lacks funding. David submitted a grant application for \$2,000. The Association would be responsible for purchasing posts and signs. The Board agreed to support the grant request.

January 2026 Newsletter: Mike Ida complimented Derek on the quality and time invested in preparing the newsletter.

Board Elections: The following positions are up for re-election: Russ Schroeder – Vice President, Duane Baer – Treasurer, Everett Sammis – Board Member, Jim Clemmons – Board Member, Mike Duhr – Board Member, Mark Luoma – Board Member. All indicated intent to run again. Candidate deadline: March 31, 2026

Annual Meeting Date- Motion to Set Annual Meeting: Date: June 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM 1st – Mark Luoma 2nd – Jim Clemmons. Motion Approved

Financial Review

Duane reported that the 2025 financial review of our finances was completed and balanced.

Other New Business

Mike Ida discussed the Riley Creek Watershed Restoration Action Plan. Mike shared with the board that this restoration action plan also includes a possible fish passage for Round lake. Mike drafted and read a letter to the U.S. Forest Service project manager stating that the board is not in favor of the fish passage project due to unresolved concerns regarding water levels and the potential spread of invasive species. The board affirmed that letter. Mike then shared that the letter will be sent to the project manager as feedback on the project as requested.

Jeff Witon noted that the Association Facebook page needs updating. Mike stated that he would share that information with Derek.

Mike shared that a community educational Listening Session has been Scheduled for April 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the session is to obtain feedback from the community regarding the proposed ILID project.

Next Meeting: Date: March 23, 2026, 6:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn: 1st – Jim Clemmons, 2nd – Steve Ave'Lllement. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brandt, Secretary